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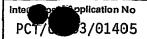
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(54) Title: CALCIUM PHOSPHATE COATED IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING **SAME**

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to calcium phosphate-coated implantable medical devices and processes of making same. The calcium-phosphate coatings are designed to minimize the immune response to the implant (e.g. restenosis in stenting procedures) and can be used to store and release a medicinally active agent in a controlled manner. Such coatings can be applied to any implantable medical devices and are useful for a number of medical procedures including (but not limited to) balloon angioplasty in cardiovascular stenting, ureteral stenting and catheterisation. The calcium phosphate coatings can be applied to a substrate as one or more coatings by a sol-gel deposition process, an aerosol-gel deposition process, a biomimetic deposition process, a calcium phosphate cement deposition process, an electro-phoretic deposition process or an electrochemical deposition process. The coating can contain and elude a drug in an engineered manner.





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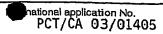
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Process for coating an implantable medical device with a calcium phosphate coating comprising:

(a) hydrolysing a phosphor precursor in water or alcohol based medium;

(b) adding a calcium salt precursor to the medium to obtain a calcium phosphate gel;

(c) depositiong the gel on the surface of a substrate;

(d) calcining the coating at a suitable elevated tempetature. [Claims 16-26]

Implantable medical devices coated with a calcium phosphate coating. [Claims 1-15].

2. claims: 27-36 (partially); 1-15

Process for coating a (soft tissue) implantable device with a calcium phosphate coating utilizing a biomimetic deposition process. [Claims 27-36 (partially)] Implantable medical devices coated with a calcium phosphate coating. [Claims 1-15].

3. claims: 27-36 (partially); 1-15

Process for coating a (soft tissue) implantable device with a calcium phosphate coating utilizing a calcium phosphate cement deposition process. [Claims 27-36 (partially)] Implantable medical devices coated with a calcium phosphate coating. [Claims 1-15].

4. claims: 27-36 (partially); 1-15

Process for coating a (soft tissue) implantable device with a calcium phosphate coating utilizing an electrophoretic deposition process. [Claims 27-36 (partially)] Implantable medical devices coated with a calcium phosphate coating. [Claims 1-15].

5. claims: 27-36 (partially); 1-15

Process for coating a (soft tissue) implantable device with a calcium phosphate coating utilizing an electrochemical deposition process. [Claims 27-36 (partially)] Implantable medical devices coated with a calcium phosphate coating. [Claims 1-15].

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